

Guidance and Counseling Services

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Our Vision: That every school will have fully implemented Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs that advance the academic, career and personal/social development of all students.

Our Mission: To work collaboratively with Professional School Counselors, the Missouri School Counselor Association, Counselor Educators and all stakeholders to develop and provide the leadership, resources and professional development necessary to support professional school counselors in their efforts to fully implement their comprehensive guidance and counseling programs.

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Announcements

Resources and information provided in the Guidance Digest are for communication purposes only. Listing these resources and information does not constitute endorsement by either the Guidance and Counseling Services Section or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Summer

Congratulations on another year of making a difference! How many kids did you figuratively touch? How many problems solved? How many issues averted? What you do as a professional school counselor, as well as those who support you, does indeed impact lives and schools! Savor the moment. Reflect and take pride. Enjoy some well deserved down time! Get ready to do it again! See you in August!

New Counselor Institute (NCI)

Registration for the [New Counselor Institute](#) (NCI) is now open. NCI 2015 will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on July 12-15, 2015. NCI is designed for those entering school counseling positions with:

- A Temporary Authorization Certificate
- An Alternative Certification with zero or one year of school counseling experience
- Recent graduation from a school counseling masters program and no counseling experience
- No public school experience

Guidance Digest Distribution System

As people transition into and out of counseling positions, please update your personal information and tell your friends to personally register to receive the Guidance Digest at [Guidance Digest](#)

Gysbers/Success Award

The Gysbers/Success Award is designed to recognize and bring attention to schools with quality and effectively implement Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs. Look for an updated and streamlined application later this summer. MSCA and DESE Guidance and Counseling are working together to encourage schools and/or districts to participate this fall. Awarded programs will be recognized at the MSCA Fall Conference. Norm Gysbers illustrious career will be celebrated at the fall conference. What a great tribute it would be to have multiple sites receive this award and help validate the work Dr. Gysbers has done for our program!

ACT Testing Dates for 2016 are April 19, and May 3.

HiSET - The New GED

This administrative [memo](#) provides guidance to LEAs on student access to HiSET test information in the event that the student does not meet all program requirements to graduate with a diploma. Please see [Administrative Memo QS-15-012](#): Missouri Option Program and HiSET Test Scores.

Breaking Traditions Winners

The 2015 State and Regional winners have been posted on [Breaking Traditions Award Winners -2015](#)

Program Components

CURRICULUM

Guidance Curriculum

Looking for some light summer reading? Check the improved organization of the unit and lesson plans in the HTML files at [Guidance Curriculum](#).

[Missouri Connections](#) has career focused lesson plans for a variety of subject areas as well as career development lessons and activities for grades 6-12. Log in and use these resources!

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING

Missouri Connections

Take some time this summer and review the many features provided in [Missouri Connections](#), including the Personal Learning Plan (Personal Plan of Study), Checklists, assessments and curriculum. The new **elementary version** of Missouri Connections for grades 3-5 is on schedule for a late fall release. Stay tuned!

For more information, contact Jackie Coleman at jcoleman@motrainer.com or 573-634-0043 or Tom Schlimpert tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-6875.

Higher Ed. Resources

The Missouri Department of Higher Education provides significant resources on a variety of topics related to Individual Student Planning. <http://dhe.mo.gov/resources/>

Helping Your Child with Career Planning

This MSCA Pointers for Parents is a quality resource to provide for your families!

http://moschoolcounselor.org/files/2014/07/Pointers_Helping_Your_Child_With_Career_Planning_9-11.pdf

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

"The Other ACT"

ACT Missouri's Mission: To serve as the statewide prevention catalyst, empowering individuals and fostering partnerships to promote safe, healthy, and drug-free communities. They have a wealth of quality materials and support!

<http://www.actmissouri.org/>

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Fall Guidance System of Support (GSOS)

Responsive Services will be the theme for the fall GSOS meetings. The agenda is under development but will include an overview of the newly updated materials on the DESE website and a significant amount of time to collaborate to share ideas and materials. "The answer is in the room!" Check the August Guidance Digest for details.

Guidance for Administrators Workshops

Plans are being created for fall regional professional development workshops for administrators (counselors are welcome) addressing the effective evaluation and development of the guidance and counseling program. The program will be based on Program + Personnel = Results and will address a quick program overview, examples of the evaluation tools for each element (IIR, counselor evaluation, PRoBE), available resources, strategies for providing quality leadership, support accountability, and enhancing the principal/counselor relationship. Check the August Guidance Digest for details.

Counselor Evaluation

The [Counselor Evaluation Draft Materials](#) are being finalized and will be ready for use this summer. Plans for a small scale pilot program to follow the process through the next school year are being considered. Contact Tom Schlimpert at tom.schlimpert@desemo.gov if you have interest in participating in the pilot and would like to receive information as it is developed. The pilot would involve both the school counselor and their administrator.

MSCA Position Papers

MSCA provides quality resources including new position papers on 504/s and IEP's.

<http://moschoolcounselor.org/publications-resources/msca-resources/>

Parent Guide to 504's

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education/legal-rights/868-section-504.gs?page=all>

United States Senate Youth Program and Scholarship

On March 5-12, 2016, 104 student delegates will experience Washington D. C., hear major policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense and directors of federal agencies as well as participate in a meeting with a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Each session with elected officials includes an in-depth question and answer period.

The Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses. There is a \$5000 college scholarship that is awarded after attendance at the Washington Week.

<http://desemo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/social-studies/social-studies-related-links/senate-youth-program>

Host - 2016 FAFSA Frenzy

FAFSA Frenzy sites can now complete a 2016 site application via <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsafrenzy.php>. Host Site applications are due Friday, **August 28**, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. CDT.

The 2016 Missouri FAFSA Frenzy main event date is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2016. FAFSA Frenzy events can be held on the main date, or an alternate date can be selected. A second date of Sunday, March 6, 2016 will serve as a backup date in the event of inclement weather conditions.

Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools

The State Board of Education has approved an update to the publication Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools, commonly referred to as the Graduation Handbook. For more information please see Administrative Memo QS-15-007: <http://dese.mo.gov/administrative-memos>

If you have questions regarding the updated Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools, please contact [Doug Sutton](#) at (573) 526-2466.

Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities

Transition Training Institute

June 16-18, 2015 The title of the Institute is, “NAVIGATING LIFE’S SUPERHIGHWAY: FORMING CROSS AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL” and will focus on developing Personal Plans of Study for ALL students, including those with IEP's and IPE's. The Institute will be at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage Beach, Missouri.

<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/effective-practices/statewide-training-opportunities>

Contact John Stains at (573) 751-0225 or john.stains@dese.mo.gov

Missouri Alternative Education Network Conference

The Missouri Alternative Education Network 2015 Conference will be held **July 19-21, 2015** at the Country Club Hotel & Spa in Lake Ozark. For more information contact maen4kids@gmail.com or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/maen4kids/>

2015 MAEN Power Up! Conference

Join Missouri's most active and influential educators in alternative education at their summer conference on July 19 – July 21. This year's theme is Power Up! with Technology to College & Career Readiness. Breakout Presentation Proposals are being accepted up to June 5th.

Please visit www.maen4kids.org or email the conference chair at skeithley@mexico.k12.mo

MoACTE Summer Conference

July 20-23, 2015 in Springfield, Mo. Register at <http://www.mo-acte.org/conferences/2015/>

Gina McLachlan, MoACTE President at (573) 310-1102 gmclachlan@fulton58.org

Donna Vossen, MoACTE Executive Director at (573) 634-7366 donna@mo-acte.org

Counselors to Campus

Missouri State University is providing a FREE campus experience for up to 50 High School Counselors on **Sept. 20-22, 2015** to explore their campus and learn more about their academic programs. High school counselors that attend will be invited to bring 20 of their students back to visit the campus in February for a ONE day Students to Campus event. MSU will pay transportation costs for bus and driver and feed the students while on our campus. <http://education.missouristate.edu/Counselors-to-Campus.htm>

MSCA Fall Conference

Nov.8-10, 2015 – Tan-Tar-A
<http://moschoolcounselor.org/>

Interesting Insights

Tim Elmore Videos

An excellent series of three videos that address *The Missing Piece to Career Readiness*.

[View Your All-Access Pass](#)

Generation Y

Boomers now fear change – interesting that the members of the flower power movement that had such an impact on life in America in the 60's and 70's now fear change

· Generation “Y” 19 to 33 year olds will be the largest employed generation in history (they will soon be our leaders)

- Raised in a recession (what can I get for a low cost?)
- Time is a commodity (how can I save time?)
- Will spend money on what they see as valuable (I-phones/tablets/Apple Watches)
- Want it when they want it and will rely on group input (before they buy, they look for product reviews on line)
- Are digital native (the rest of us are digital immigrants – they have never known life without a digital connection)
- They have issues with trust – recession caused by companies cheating, Clinton, 911
- They are the trophy generation – they want rewards for participation: reward cards, want to be noticed
- Less about hierarchy and more about being involved with everyone; they want to be part of the group

· This is the first time in history each generation can teach the other

· Technology – Think mobile first: phones and tablets. Think convenience store and not grocery store.

Move from selling to sharing – watch the commercials of today, less talk about the product, more about sharing and caring.

MASSP Update, May 22, 2015

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